

T-15-2 – “Louisiana Statewide Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) Safe Harbor Agreement”

Abstract: The objective of this grant was to implement the Red-cockaded Woodpecker Safe Harbor Agreement Program on non-federal lands in Louisiana. Under Segment 1 of the grant, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) obtained an Endangered Species Permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to implement a statewide program in Louisiana. The permit was issued on 25 January 2005. Under Segment 2 of the grant, the LDWF implemented the RCW Safe Harbor Program. By the end of the grant period, six (6) agreements with non-federal landowners had been signed and implemented, and another 5 agreements were pending. Thirty-seven (37) baseline groups of RCWs and over 150,000 acres had been enrolled by the time the grant period ended. Interest in the program has been sparked among non-federal landowners due to outreach efforts. Hopefully, the LDWF will be able to capitalize on this interest and increase future enrollment in the program.

The grant was closed on 30 December 2007.

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